

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 were originally filed with this Application. In an Office Action mailed May 27, 2005 the Examiner required an election between Species I-V. The Examiner also indicated that Claims 1-33 are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement. Applicants hereby elect with traverse to prosecute Species IV for a boxcar with a cargo restraining system such as shown in Figures 3-6 and 13. Claims 12-21, 23 and 30 as amended read on a boxcar having a cargo restraining system such as shown in Figures 3-6 and Figure 13.

Applicants respectfully submit that Examiner should also consider boxcar load restraining systems such as shown in Figures 2 and 10 along with evaluating a cargo restraining system such as shown in Figures 3-6 and 13. Figure 2 shows one embodiment of cargo anchors (400 and 404) disposed within a floor assembly corresponding generally with cargo anchors (400 and 404) of Figure 13. Figure 10 shows some features of a cargo restraining system such as also shown in Figure 6. Claims 18 and 19, which depend directly or indirectly from Claim 16, define various features of Applicants' invention as shown in Figure 10.

Claims 31, 32 and 33 read on cargo anchors such as shown in Figures 2 and 13. Examination of Claims 31, 32 and 33 along with examination of Claims 12-21, 23 and 30 will not require any additional searching. Claims 31, 32 and 33 further define various features of Applicants' invention as shown in Figures 2 and 13. Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of Claims 31, 32 and 33.

Claims 1-11, 22 and 24-29 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the cancelled claims at a later date.

New Claims 34 and 35 have been added to further define various features of Applicants' invention.

CONCLUSION

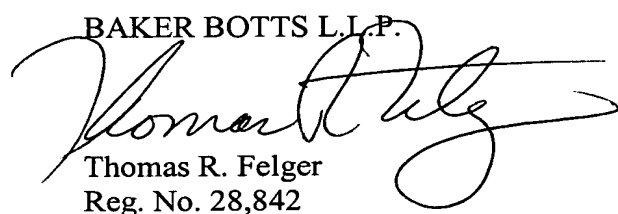
Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for examination and allowance.

Applicants believe no fees are due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P. in order to effectuate this filing.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2599.

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